

The Retribution

Coogan opened the letter which the letter carrier had just handed him and produced a check which made him smile. The check was made out for \$200 and the name signed to it, John T. Coolidge.

Coolidge looked at Coogan with an expression of hatred, fear and disgust as he entered his office. His face was by no means weak and most people would have hesitated to try blackmail on him.

in a highly suspicious manner, and when he was willing to do so. He had had bad luck at poker and the right horse had not won.

It was thus that it happened that the two men crawled through a window into a house which Flynn had kept his eye on during the previous days.

"I don't want any shooting done," Flynn whispered as he ran through the next room and jumped out of the window.

Coogan breathed easier for surely Coolidge would not give him up to the police.

"Well, Mr. Coolidge," he said jokingly, "I did not know that this was your house. It is rather fortunate for me, and perhaps you too, that it happened to be yours."

"No, I will not give you up to the police," Coolidge replied; "that might make it unpleasant for me, as you say, I will turn you over to a different authority."

Effect of Vegetables on Human Race. The recent Pathological congress held in Paris has given us some curious facts about vegetables and their effect upon the human race.

Carrots are especially recommended for curing bad tempers, besides being good for bilious and peevish folk.

Spinach is good for men of action. All great generals have devoured it in large quantities.

WAY OF MAKING LIFE EASIER

Many Electrical Devices to Save Cash and Economize Energy In Operating

ELECTRIC COOKING IS TASTIER

Ash Sifters and Moth Traps, Smokeless Ranges and Mechanical Razors Are Already Here, and a Wireless Telephone for Every Navigator.

ELECTRICAL INVENTIONS THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER

Incandescent lamps which give more light with less current. An ash sifter that will save over a ton of coal a year.

A writer who has a turn for research and who is a close observer of modern progress in mechanics has enumerated and described some of the many electrical devices which have been invented recently.

A large business has recently grown up in improved forms of incandescent lamps, which, while giving light at greatly enhanced efficiency, consume less current than the older types.

An electrical ash sifter has been designed to save the leak in coal and cinders thrown out with the ashes in household practice.

While recent progress in radio-telephony—the transmission of telephony talk without wires—has been comparatively slow, there is promise of steady development in some recent tests in Europe.

The French navy authorities have reported very satisfactory results in talking from the Eiffel tower in Paris to Dieppe, 93 miles.

The apparatus used for this purpose is being continually simplified, and it bids fair soon to be applicable to a large number of vessels which cannot afford to carry a Morse operator, and whose necessity of wireless telephone conversation will be met by a system effective up to 100 miles.

Electric cooking, hitherto more or less of a luxury, is being brought by improved apparatus and reduction in the price of current within the reach of the ordinary household.

One of these writes enthusiastically of the results by the employment in his own kitchen of an electric oven, a grill, an egg poacher, a toaster, and a 6 1/4-inch hot plate.

The flavor of meat electrically cooked is said to excel that of meat treated by any other method.

For the caterpillar plague which is having such a disastrous effect on many of the forests of this country, a remedy is suggested by the action of the municipal authorities of a German town.

An electric light trap was constructed. Lights of high power were fixed in position, and behind them, put over a deep receptacle and large exhaust fans, were two powerful reflectors.

At night two great streams of light are thrown from the reflectors on the woods on the sides of the mountain half a mile away.

As they reach the reflectors they are caught by the swirl of the exhaust fans and carried down on the grip of the current of air to the receptacle below.

The latest thing in a man's dressing kit is the electric razor. The stationary part of this device is simply an ordinary safety razor, consisting of a handle, a blade, and a blade holder.

FISHING IN JAPAN.

Japanese Rods Lighter Than Ours, but the Hooks Have No Barbs.

Three of us, two Americans and one Japanese, started out in Jirikishas from Taipei, the modern capital of Formosa, or Taiwan, to go to the house of a wealthy gentleman about eight miles up the river, which runs through the valley of Taipei.

The Japanese, however, have another method of fishing, which may be as new to some of our readers as it was to me. It is quite successful.

Our success with flies was poor. We got thirteen or fourteen fingerlings but we saw the fish we wished to identify caught in fairly good numbers by the Chinese, fishing with decoys.

Big Noses Rare in Japan. In Japan the nose is the only feature which attracts attention. The nose determines the beauty or ugliness of the face, according as it is big or small.

A Zulu Girl's Headdress. Of the many strange methods of dressing the hair the strangest is perhaps that of the Zulu girl shown in the accompanying illustration.



There is now an organization of retail automobile dealers, which probably means that no more automobiles will be found on the 19-cent counter.

THE RUSSIAN POLICE

The Powerful Instrument by Which Autocracy Rules.

The Russian police is a rather complicated army with its generals, officers, etat-major, soldiers and spies. At the head of this powerful institution stands the Minister of the Interior, or Home Secretary.

The general as well as the political and secret police are under his orders, governors and even general governors are his subordinates.

Prevention and detection of crime and criminals. The watching of the frontiers of the empire. Supervision of and issue of passports.

Measures preventing fire. Statutes regulating the establishment of various societies and permission to hold exhibitions and to give public entertainments.

ARMY MULES OBEY ORDERS.

Success in Handling the Animals Consists in Knowing How.

Horse and mule men at the Kansas City stock yards stood in admiration on a recent afternoon while the soldiers of Battery A and B, Second United States Artillery, under Lieut. R. O. Mason, loaded thirteen cars of mules in twenty-five minutes.

His Tribute. The essential difference between the signification of words and terms in the English tongue which are almost the same in etymology and origin is a great element of difficulty to a foreigner who is learning the language.

When the budding diplomatist in question arrived at our national capital a year or two ago, he soon capitulated to the charms of a young woman of the official set, and they speedily became the best of friends.

Awake All the Time. "That new preacher you have is a pretty wideawake young man, isn't he?" "Yep. Keeps right on preaching when everybody else is asleep."

GRATUITOUS PLEASANTIES.

The Tobacconist Gets a Lesson in the Art of Joking.

"You must be going out to see the girl," observed the friendly tobacconist to the young man who had just purchased a cigar.

"What's that?" asked the young man, sharply, pausing in the act of lighting his Havana second.

"I didn't ask you how I looked," said the young man, morosely. "I came in here to buy me a smoke."

"I may be going to see up with a sick grandmother, for all you know," said the young man in nowise placated.

"If I want to wear a flower I guess it's my privilege," continued the young man. "I may wear a flower every day in the week and two on Sunday. You don't know you never saw me before, as I know of. You've probably got me mixed up with somebody you went to school with, the way you talk."

"You'd better not bring it out the next time," said the young man with a threatening shake of the head. "You can't make a monkey of me, I want to tell you. You're a josh, you are. You must think that line o' talk is a trade getter. If I've got a girl I don't remember introducing her to you. How would it be if you tended to your cigar business? Say if you've got any friends you must josh them something fierce."

"Now see here—" began the tobacconist. "If you've got anything to say about my necktie you might as well get it off your mind," said the young man. "Maybe you'd like to know about the girl too."

"No, sir, I don't," said the tobacconist, wrathfully. "I don't care a hang about her or about you. You can go and see her or you can stay away from her, just as you darn please, just so long as you get out of this store. A man may have a grouch, but he can't rub it into me, more than about so much."

The young man turned to the cigar lighter and lit his cigar with ostentatious deliberation. At the door he turned.

"Talking about that bald spot of yours," he said, "it looks as if you'd been having trouble with your wife."

The tobacconist glared at the spot where the young man had stood for nearly a minute. Then his features relaxed. "Maybe I ain't the first told him that this afternoon," he said.

HAD HELP.

"We get some sad cases," said the attendant at the lunatic asylum to the visitor, and opened the door to the first cell.

"Sad story," said the attendant; "he was in love with a girl, but she married another man and he lost his reason from grief."

"Who is this?" inquired the visitor. "This," repeated the attendant—"this is the other man."

"I don't see how he stopped both smoking and drinking. I couldn't do it."

"You haven't met his wife, have you?"

Poor Fellow. Reporter—"You were not always wealthy, I believe?" Billionaire—"No, I have seen the time when I couldn't afford to buy a five thousand dollar automobile."

"Once more, my dear friend, I shall gaze upon your unmatched eyes,"—Harper's Weekly.